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## Viewing cable 07BOGOTA2995, SPILT MILK: FARC ATTACKS AGAINST NESTLE

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- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
07BOGOTA2995	2007-05-02 22:09	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Bogota

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SUBJECT: SPILT MILK: FARC ATTACKS AGAINST NESTLE  
JEOPARDIZE LIVELIHOOD OF THOUSANDS IN CAQUETA

Classified By: Political Counselor John S. Creamer.  
Reason: 1.4 (b,d)

#### ----- Summary -----

[1](#). (C) FARC attacks on Swiss multinational Nestle's dairy operations in Caqueta threaten the livelihoods of thousands of families. In Janu

Caqueta: Farming and the FARC  
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[1](#)2. (U) The southern agrarian department of Caqueta has been a FARC stronghold since the FARC's inception. The area is still a battlefield. adjacent Lalandia military base. The FARC's elite Teofilo Forero Castro mobile column operates just north of Florencia, and additional FARC fr

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Enter Nestle  
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[1](#)3. (U) Nestle opened a milk condensing facility in Florencia in 1978, and later opened two large milk cooling plants in the northern towns c

[1](#)4. (U) Company spokesperson XXXXXXXXXXXX said Nestle is the main source of "legal income" (as opposed to coca production) in the department,

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Spilt Milk: FARC Attacks Nestle Plants  
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[1](#)5. (C) The FARC has tried to dominate the dairy industry through attacks and extortion demands. On January 15, the FARC blew up a milk tank

[1](#)6. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX of Nestle Colombia, said the most significant attack was the one on the milk truck. The economic value of the destructi

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Nestle Says "No Thanks" to Offer of Special Security  
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[1](#)7. (C) In a mid-March meeting, XXXXXXXXXXXX told President Uribe Nestle did not want any special security action from the GOC. Nestle also

[1](#)8. (C) Nestle hopes dairy farmers in northern Caqueta will successfully pressure the FARC to leave Nestle alone. Drivers stopped collecting

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Livelihood of Thousands at Mercy of FARC  
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[1](#)9. (C) The real victims of the attacks are the people of Caqueta. The incomes of dairy farmers in northern Caqueta, most of whom earn betwe

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